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Application No. 10/815,243

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending, and claims 1-27 stand rejected. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-27 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 23, and 25 are amended. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the specification and, for example, at page 3, lines 1-19; page 9, line 1-page 11, line 23; page 22, line 1- page 23, line 20, and in the claims.

In the Specification

The Examiner indicated that the specification makes reference to various U.S. patent applications, such as at pages 14, 18, 20, and 24-26. Applicant was asked to provide corresponding Published Application numbers or Patent Numbers, if available. Applicant has amended the specification to provide the Patent Application Number or Patent Number, where available. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the specification be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Objection to the Claims Under 37 CFR 1.75(c)

The Examiner objected to claims 3, 10, 17, and 25 as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. In particular, the Examiner asserted that the "aromatic group" in the definition of R and R' of the dependent claims fail to further limit the independent claims because the corresponding groups in the independent claims (i.e. R₁₁ and R₁₂) do not include "aromatic group" in their definitions.

Applicant has amended claims 3, 10, 17, and 25 to delete "aromatic" groups and add "aryl" groups. Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of claims 3, 10, 17, and 25 under 37 CFR 1.75(c).

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Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second paragraph

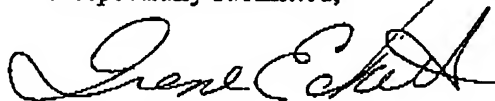
The Examiner rejected claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner asserted that the instant claims are indefinite because it does not appear that any of the groups R_a through R_f can be "a bond".

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 23, by striking out the term "a bond". Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims, 1, 8, 15, and 23 and the claims that depend from claims, 1, 8, 15, and 23. Applicant requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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